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Two Suspects In Custody After Sexually Assaulting Taxi Passenger

SUNNYVALE, Calif. - On March 22, 2015, at approximately 1808 hours, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) was called to the area of Wolfe and Kifer Roads. Witnesses reported that an adult female passenger was being forcibly removed from a taxi cab. The taxi was described as an orange Checker Cab that left the scene after the female was removed. Witnesses on scene also reported that the female said she had been assaulted.

An off-duty Sunnyvale officer was in the area, observed the taxi driving away, and followed it until officers in marked vehicles could conduct the traffic stop. Sunnyvale officers stopped the taxi in Santa Clara and contacted the two male occupants - driver and taxi operator, 29-year old Navjot Singh, and his roommate, 30-year old Gurminder Sekhon, both Santa Clara residents. After a lengthy investigation, officers determined the two men had sexually assaulted the female victim.

Earlier that day, the victim had requested the taxi service because she had been drinking, and Singh had picked her up in the area of El Monte Road and Highway 280. The victim and Singh consensually decided to purchase alcohol and drink in the taxi. After consuming more alcohol, the victim lost consciousness. When the victim regained consciousness, she was being sexually assaulted by Sekhon. A struggle began in the taxi which is when the witnesses observed the altercation. Investigators also determined that Singh had sexually assaulted the victim as well and had picked up Sekhon at some point while the victim was unconscious.

The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. The suspects were booked into Santa Clara County Jail on rape and kidnapping charges. Investigators from Sunnyvale DPS continue to investigate the case. Anyone with information should contact Detective Liz Nguyen at (408)730-7120.

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Navjot Singh (12/15/1985)

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Gurminder Sekhon (09/03/1984)

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